

I attended the hearing in Monterey but was not chosen as a speaker so I appreciate this opportunity. I am a music programmer at a public radio station and find that we are the only avenue for local music to be heard. Independent labels, bands that come to town and the ability to program music that is relevant to the times is not found on commercial radio stations. Creative expression is alive but NOT heard unless the FCC acknowledges the importance of opening the band width the smaller, grassroots public radio stations that serve the community.